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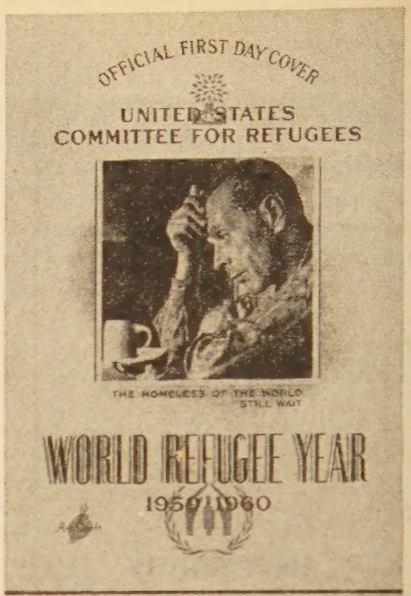

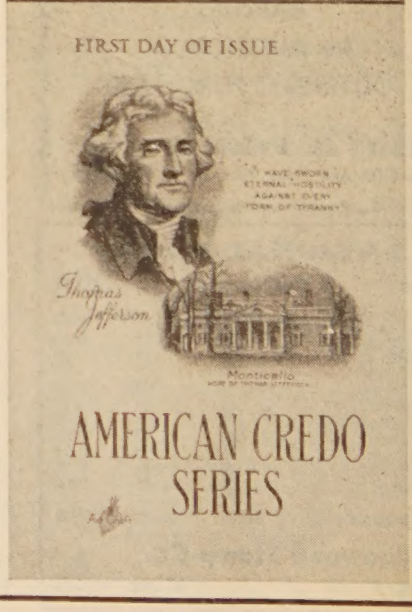

News, Views and Comments

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Polonus Philatelic Society Centennial Exhibition of Stamps of Poland

THE *Polonus Philatelic Society* of Chicago, Illinois commemorated the 100th anniversary of the first Polish postage stamp and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ignacy Jan Paderewski with the greatest display of Polish stamps ever shown in the United States.

The exhibition was in the beautiful Polish Roman Catholic Union Museum, and included many rare, interesting, and historical displays. Poland No. 1 was predominant in the exhibits, and the Court of Honor had three special displays of this stamp in mint and used condition, as well as on cover and with cancellation studies. A highly specialized Polish postal history exhibit of the 1858-1860 period also graced the Court of Honor.

In memory of Poland's famous pianist, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, who also became world-renowned as statesman and patriot, there were displays of Paderewski material. Among the interesting items was the block of four Polish stamps with Paderewski's portrait which this great artist autographed personally for his friend *Theodore Steinway* many years ago. The block is now owned by Paul Taubman, the well-known owner of the Penthouse Club at 30 Central Park South in New York City. It was displayed in a special frame with other related Paderewski material, and attracted a great deal of interest and comment. The display fitted in perfectly with the many historical displays of the famed Paderewski Room of which the Polish Roman Catholic Union is the custodian.

The Society issued a pair of souvenir sheets in connection with the exhibit, which had for their main subject a large likeness of Poland No. 1, the "Lone Adhesive". The various Polish cancels used during this period were also depicted, as well as the opening bars of an old Polish anniversary song. Appropriate opening day show covers and the front cover of the elaborate program for the event also carried the same reproduction.

The program-catalog for this year's Polpex not only contained the customary list of exhibitors, but also stories and articles on Poland and a complete listing and detailed description, with illustrations, of all the Polpex Seals which have been issued for Polpex shows to date. During the twenty years of the existence of the Polonus Philatelic Society *M. E. Steczynski,* chairman of the arts committee, has produced artistic and historically important miniature works of art, correctly depicting significant moments in Polish history. Collections of complete issues of these historic seals may still be obtained but supplies have dwindled rapidly during the years and it will not be long before complete sets will no longer be obtainable. Those interested may write to the chairman of the seal committee: *Adam Kloskowski* 2528 *No. Drake Ave., Chicago* 47, *Ill.*

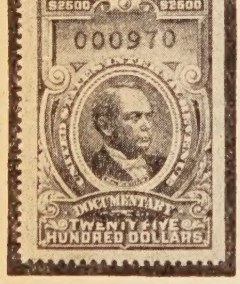
Another high point of interest at this years Polpex was the display of Polish philatelic literature in a beautiful glass case made available by the Museum authorities. This was the first time that the Society had displayed the literature on such an extensive scale. It aroused considerable interest. Every visitor to this year's Polpex was given one of the elaborate catalogs and they will no doubt treasure it highly for the historic events which it marks. With each catalog the visitor was given also a special insert, issued by the Museum authorities, describing many of the historical items which the museum has on permanent display.

A Polpex would not be complete without the traditional Beeba party. So, the "fun" part of the three day exhibit was held on the Saturday night of the show period. As usual, Polish cooking was featured. Chairman John Bor's Beeba committee prepared huge platters of Polish sausage, heaping bowls of flavorful sauerkraut, baked eggs on the half shell, the usual plates of herring, Polish ham, special cheeses, and Po-

Two Japan covers received this week: Left, the Nara commemorative, from Kenzi Miwa, and right, the Matsushima commemorative, from William J. Ross. Similar covers came from Kanai Stamp Co., S. Miyake, Meiso Mizuhara, Kenji Nakatani, H. Tsuge, and Riichi Yoshida.

(Post Office Department Photo)

Charles Prhal (left) and Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., co-chairmen of the T. G. Masaryk Committee, presenting to P.M.G. Arthur E. Summerfield a check for $250,000 for the Champion of Liberty stamps honoring Masaryk which were issued in Washington, D. C. March 7, 1960. The Masaryk first day sales reached the highest figure of any stamp ever issued in the United States. This $250,000 check also represented the largest single purchase ever made of a new stamp on the first day of sale.



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R614		100	9.85	...	2.95
R615		500	49.75	...	22.50
R616		1000	29.50	...	19.85
R648	1953	100	8.50	4.50	2.95
R649		500	...	...	22.50
R679	1954	30	19.75	...	...
R680		50	...	...	2.95
R681		60	24.95	...	...
R682		100	13.50	4.50	2.50
R683		500	55.00	24.95	19.85
R684		1000	53.75	...	19.85
R685		2500	97.50	...	...
R688	1955	30	9.85	...	...
R691		100	16.75	...	...
R693		1000	39.85	...	...
R694		2500	69.50	...	...

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lish pastry, prepared from old recipes handed down for generations all were the culinary highlights.

In accordance with the traditional custom, the awards won by exhibitors were given out at the Beeba and chairman *Lester Jankowski* made all of the presentations in his usual capable fashion. The list of award winners follows:

The four exhibitors in the invitational Court of Honor were *V. R. Rachmanoff, Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz, Bert Powell,* and *Chester Makowski* who received gold medals. The Grand Award went to *Alfred Szebe* for his outstanding exhibit entitled "The Warsaw Uprising." The. Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz Research Award was won by *Dr. M. E. Uznanski* for his unique exhibit of Polish Underground Post. The President's Award went to *Chester Makowski* for Polish Postal History.

After the special awards, the first in the show was won by *Z. Wagrowski* for Polish First Flights; the best second award to *Chester Schafer* for Poland Mixed Franking, and the best third award went to *Bert Powell* for Polish Postage Dues specialized according to paper.

Other special awards were won by *Chester Schafer* for Polish Local Issues, *Bert Powell* for Polish Plebiscite Issues (Allenstein, complete mint used and on covers) *Stanley Kucharz* for Polish Fieldpost, *Myron Steczynski* for Polish Offices Abroad, *Chester Schafer* for Central Lithuania, *Jens Oleson* for Topicals (Horses on Stamps) American Topical Association Award to *Walter Szymlek* for Growth and Progress of Philately in Poland, and the Novice Award to *Andrew Goszczyck* for Scouts on Stamps.

—Bert Powell

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Dixipex III at Birmingham

THE annual stamp exhibition of the regional Dixie Stamp Collectors, DIXIPEX III, will be held June 1-30, 1960 in Birmingham, Alabama, in cooperation with the Birmingham and Selma stamp clubs.

The exhibition site is the Public Library Art Gallery. On Convention Day, June 25th, the new 1¼c envelope will go on sale there, and this will be offered in an advertisement under "Covers" in the Trading Post of STAMPS of April 30, 1960.

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Jan. 20—Mount Vernon, Virginia—4c George Washington "American Credo"
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Feb. 18—4c Squaw Valley (Olympic Valley)
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March 31—Philadelphia, Pa.—4c Franklin "Credo"
April 7—Washington, D. C.—4c World Refugee Year
April 18—Washington, D. C.—4c Water Conservation
April 22 — San Francisco, Calif. — 25c "Liberty" airmail
May 18 — Charlottesville, Virginia — 4c Jefferson "Credo"
May 28—Chicago, Illinois—2½c stamped Envelope
May 31—Washington, D. C.—4c SEATO Commemorative
June 10 — Miami, Florida — 10c "Liberty" Airmail
June 17—Santa Fe, New Mexico—1¼c Palace of Governors, regular issue
June 25 — Birmingham, Alabama — 1¼c stamped envelope
July 4—Honolulu, Hawaii—4c Fifty-Star Flag
July 19 — Sacramento, Calif. — 4c Pony Express
July 19—St. Joseph, Missouri—4c Pony Express stamped envelope (5c each)
Aug. 28—New York 1, New York—4c Employ the Physically Handicapped
Aug. 29 — Seattle, Wash. — 4c Fifth World Forestry Congress
Sept. 14 — Baltimore, Md. — 4c Francis Scott Key "Credo"
Nov. 1—New York 1, N. Y.—4c Camp Fire Girls
Nov. 25—New York, N. Y.—4c Famous American, Andrew Carnegie
Date unannounced—New York—4c Boys' Clubs of America
Date unannounced—Washington, D. C. —10c airmail commem. Inter-Amer. Conf. Amer. States

U. S. Specialized Catalog of First Day Covers

THE 1960 edition of the United States Specialized Catalog of First Day Covers, published by The Washington Press, is arranged in sections for easy reference: Airmails, Commemoratives, Regular Issues, Presidentials, etc. Numerous first day cancellations are illustrated.

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Jose Galetovic, of Santiago, Chile, writes that he received many requests stamps or special cancellations for visit of President Eisenhower. He thought therefore that we might mention the fact that no stamps were issued and special cancellations were used in Chile during Mr. Eisenhower's two-day visit.

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Rich Weber, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and *Frederick M. Joseph*, of New York report receiving their "Sargo" covers on March 10, 1960. Although the Navy's release was sent out too late for weekly magazines, it did make some of the daily newspapers, so that some collectors were able to get covers aboard. We are so advised by *Captain J. S. Dowdell*, Director of Media Relations Division, U. S. Navy. We have no information as to the number of covers carried, however. The covers are dated February 9, 1960, and in addition to the postmark, carry a rubber-stamp cachet depicting a polar bear sitting on the conning tower of a submarine and with the inscription "SARGO 583" across the top, "NORTH POLE" at bottom, and "1960" on the left side, reading upwards.

David Lidman Resigns as A.P.S. Editor

THE resignation of David Lidman as editor of *The American Philatelist*, official journal of the A.P.S., was announced by President Charles C. Cratsenberg at the mid-year meeting of the Society, March 4-6, 1960. He will remain as editor until a successor is appointed.

Mr. Cratsenberg announced that, owing to other responsibilities, Mr. Lidman was unable to continue in the A.P.S. post. Stamp collectors who feel qualified to assume the post are asked to write to *Charles C. Cratsenberg*, 2322 *Seventh Street, Moline, Illinois.*

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A.—The tab numbers are for bookkeeping; accounting for stock only. I would personally prefer a trimmed copy to one with a lot of useless white paper—but I know this causes anguish to some, and so why not suit yourself and not worry about what others think?

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THE 50-star Flag stamp, to be placed on sale July 4, 1960, at Honolulu Hawaii, will be vertical in format, and was designed by Stevan Dohanos, who was also responsible for the 49-star Flag stamp placed on sale July 4, 1959, at Auburn, New York. Both the 48-star (1957) and 49-star Flag stamps were horizontal in format.

Emphasis has been placed on the union, so that the new placement of the 50 stars might be highlighted as the flag waves in the breeze. The design is borderless, for emphasis, with "JULY 4, 1960" at the top, in blue Roman lettering. Across the bottom, also in blue Roman letters, is "U. S. POSTAGE."

Design of the 50-Star Flag to be issued on July 4, 1960 to honor Hawaiian Statehood.

The flag is featured in blue and red on white in the center, flying towards the right. It is attached to an uncolored staff at the left of the design. The value (4c), in large blue lettering, appears below the flag in the lower center portion.

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WAR COVERS

from Trinidad, British West Indies

By J. D. ELSON, JR.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of four articles by members of the War Cover Club, the other two having appeared in STAMPS of January 23 and March 19, 1960. Information on club membership may be obtained from Isadore Willinger, 314 East 163 St., New York 51, New York.)

THE island of Trinidad, situated off the coast of South America east of Venezuela, is well known to the tourist trade as the possessor of the largest asphalt deposit in the world (Pitch Lake at La Brea), and the originator of the catchy, danceable Calypso tunes. But how many know that for a good number of years, since 1941 to be exact, it has been one of the main destroyers-for-bases outposts of the United States and an important protection base against marauders in the Caribbean Sea?

Christopher Columbus came upon the island July 31, 1498, and found it peopled principally by Aruac and Chaima Indians, who offered little or no resistance to the colonizing efforts of succeeding representatives of the Spanish Crown. Eventually Great British came into the picture, and by 1802 had added further proof to its boast that the "Sun never sets on the British Empire."

Life on the island continued more or less peacefully until just prior to the start of World War II. Early in 1941 the United States entered into an agreement with Great Britain whereby, in exchange for fifty U. S. destroyers, it obtained 99-year leases on strategic bases located in several British Colonies of the Western Hemisphere, including Trinidad. On March 31, 1941, the first Marine detachment (Fifth Provisional Marine Company, commanded by Major D. A. Stafford) arrived in Trinidad from Quantico, Virginia, and set up a "tent city" on the dock area of Port of Spain. Shortly afterwards, upon partial construction of the naval base, the outfit moved to the area known as Chaguaramas, at the northwest tip of the island. Mail service commenced the day after arrival of the detachment in Trinidad, as vouchsafed by the first day cover dated April 1, 1941, illustrated with this article.

In addition, army post offices were established at the points indicated on the map on the dates shown below. (This information taken from "Locations and Assignments U. S. Army Post Offices World War II" compiled for the War Cover Club by A. J. Tripp, November 1947. A later edition being prepared was not available for this article.)

APO-687—Edinburgh Field, Commissioned 10-12-42; Carlson Field, Commissioned 3-4-44; Ceased Operations 5-5-44.

APO-688—Greenhill, Commissioned 3-11-42; Ceased Operations 4-12-46.

APO-695—Waller Field, Commissioned 10-9-42; Ceased Operations 12-31-45.

APO-803—Port of Spain, Commissioned 5-24-41; (Changed to Chantilly, France, 4-28,45).

APO-803-A—Fort Read, Commissioned 1-10-42.

APO-803-B—Waller Field, Commissioned 4-22-42.

APO-868—Port of Spain, Commissioned 9-22-42; (Finance Service, M.O., Stamps, etc., terminated 9-10-47).

APO-869 — Fort Read, Commissioned ?-?-41.

APO-880 — Chacachacare and Monos, Commissioned 11-11-42; Ceased Operations 4-12-46.

Following are sketches of some of the bases established in Trinidad by U. S. forces:

WALLER FIELD — APO-695 and APO-803-B—Located eighteen miles east of Port of Spain and four miles southeast of Arima. Construction began April 1941 and by November of the same year two runways had been completed and the field was in limited operation. Facilities were planned for one heavy bombardment group, one interceptor group, and one long-range reconnaissance squadron. Four hundred men and officers moved from the Canal Zone in April 1941, together with six B18A aircraft. The airfield functioned until April 1950 when it was turned back to the Trinidad Colonial Government.

CARLSEN FIELD — APO-687 — Located twelve miles southwest of Waller Field, with its two landing strips designated as "Edinburgh" and "Xeres." Facilities were available for both airplanes and lighter-

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than-air craft and were used by both the U. S. Army Air Force and the U. S. Navy. According to the Locations and Assignments of U. S. Army Post Offices in World War II, this field commenced operations in October 1942 and was closed down May 1944.

Exchange Field (*No APO assigned*)—Located seven miles south of Carlsen Field and just east of Couva. Construction started October 1, 1942, but was called to a halt August 9, 1943, before the field had been completed. Exchange Field was intended to be an auxiliary field, but instead the unfinished field served principally for emergency landings. In June 1944 the field was abandoned, following the Army Air Force decision that it was not necessary for its base requirements in Trinidad.

Tobago Field (*No APO assigned*)—A landing strip was available for use by U. S. Army Air Forces as an alternative to Waller Field in cases of emergency. It held no maintenance, service, or personnel facilities, and its location cannot be ascertained. Available information indicates that it never was used.

U. S. Naval Operating Base and Naval Air Station—FPO-117 New York — Located in the northwest corner of Trinidad in the area known as Chaguaramas. It was commissioned August 1, 1941, under the command of Capt. A. W. Radford, USN, and contained the usual component sections, such as hospitals and repair facilities. Decommissioned July 1, 1950, on which date a Naval Station was commissioned. This continues in limited activity, primarily as an air facility. It has been ascertained that the following New York post office branch numbers were assigned to the Navy post offices in Trinidad and may appear in the cancels used during the war years: 10773 — Repair Facility; 10943—Escort Repair Base; 10746 — Naval Hospital; 10015 — Naval Operating Base.

In addition, the writer has a cover which contained a reply from the Navy Postal Clerk at the U. S. Naval Base in Trinidad bearing the number 13606 in its cancel. The reply, unfortunately, was the usual one stating that no information could be given out.

The information given in this article has been gleaned from many sources by dint of much correspondence and searching. Some items of interest have been discovered, such as the fact that Edinburgh was not a field but an airstrip of Carlsen Field, but there are many other points still under a cloud. The locations of Greenhill and Fort Read, for instance, would round out the picture considerably.

While this survey is incomplete, it is a start, and the author would appreciate receiving information or corrections that might shed further light on the subject of U. S. Army and Navy forces stationed in Trinidad during the last war. Write to *J. D. Elson, Jr.*, 2800 *Chrysler Bldg., New York* 17, *New York.*

War covers from Trinidad, top to bottom: (1) First day cover, April 1, 1941, from Marine Detachment stationed in Trinidad, autographed by Postmaster Albert Goldman, New York; (2) Another variety of Marine Detachment cancellation, showing "British West Indies" between killer bars; (3) Hand cancel from APO 868 (Port of Spain) on July 25, 1944, from personnel stationed at APO 695 (Waller Field) per return address; (4) Hand cancel APO 803-A (Fort Read) on January 18, 1942, and machine cancel APO 803 (Port of Spain) on January 20, 1942.

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For further information we suggest writing to *Alan W. Robertson, Ranwell, St. Lawrence Drive, Pinner, Middlesex, England.*

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An advertisement of these offerings appears on page 26 of this issue of STAMPS, or for further information you may write to *COMPEX 60, Suite 216, Hotel La Salle, 10 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois.*

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Abe Kaplan

ABE KAPLAN, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away on March 15, 1960. He had been in ill health for several years, and the last months of his life were spent in a hospital.

Mr. Kaplan was a general collector, and was active in exhibitions and other philatelic affairs. He was an honorary member of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society, having been affiliated with that state-wide organization for many years. He was also a member of the A.P.S. and S.P.A., as well as many other philatelic and civic organizations. He had donated many awards, and his "Kaplan Cup" is won each year by some member club of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society, as a traveling award.

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A. P. S. Spring Meeting

By JESSE G. JOHNSON

'HE spring meeting of the American Philatelic Society (VAPEX) took ace at the Hotel John Marshall, Richond, Virginia, under the auspices of e host club, the *Richmond Stamp Club.* One of the odds against them, and hich was one of the best jokes of the eeting was the weather, far from pringlike", as the whole country, inuding Richmond, was beset by old man inter right at the time of the convention. eminded us of the 1955 convention in orfolk, when we produced a hurricane r the benefit of visitors.

The writer arrived early on the afternoon of March 3rd. Almost immediately eports began coming in that various .P.S. officers were stranded at different laces in the U.S.A. Vice President and Mrs. Fred Thomas, en route from Oakond, California, were reported grounded a Dallas, Texas. Executive Secretary and Mrs. H. Clay Musser were snowbound a Harrisburg, Pa., having with them also a their car A.P.S. attorney Ned Williar nd his wife. No definite word came from President Charles C. Cratsenberg, but umor had it that he and his wife also vere snowbound somewhere. So an unofficial Board meeting was held in his room, and we adjourned at 1:00 A.M. The next morning we learned that Mrs. Cratsenberg had arrived at 3:00 A.M., but not the President. Mrs. Cratsenberg had reached the ariport in Chicago three hours after her husband, and came right through, making part of her trip by train. Treasurer Bill Schulze was snowed in at West Virginia, and so it went. In view of the late arrival of many officers Bill Joyner, general chairman of the convention, held up the opening ceremonies until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, instead of the scheduled 10:00 A.M., with *Mayor A. Scott Anderson* cutting the tape to open the exhibition. Now that President Cratsenberg had arrived, the first Board meeting was held at 2:00 P.M., with thirty-five subjects for discussion on his agenda.

Dr. Southgate Leigh put on his whiskers and Confederate hat and acted as host to the reception for officers and delegates. Under his tutelage they served mint juleps and kinkapou juice, made up from his aunt's formula.

The convention meeting was held at 10:30 Saturday morning, followed by the President's luncheon for the Richmond committee, then another Board meeting. The following morning was the combined Chapter Meeting and Writers' Breakfast, under the chairmanship of David Lidman.

The dinner-dance was held in the Marshall Room, with the writer as M.C. A rising ovation was given to the Honorary Chairman of the convention, *August Dietz,* who was present, and seemed to be in fine fettle, despite his 90 years, and the likelihood that he is the oldest living member of the A.P.S. He was also the organizer of the *Confederate Stamp Alliance,* which marks its 25th anniversary this year.

Other guests of honor were Postmaster Fergus McRhee; Capt. Alvin Massenberg, president of the Virginia Pilots' Association; Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Stevenson; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hatchett; Mrs. Frieda Dietz; Wm. Joyner; the Rev. Paul E. Crandall; who gave the invocation; Mrs. Alma Snowa; Mrs. Doris Apperson; the exhibition judges, Col. James T. De Voss, Wilbur A. Nelson, and Svend Yort. Also the officers, and their wives, Messrs. Cratsenberg, Thomas, Joseph Clary, Charles McKeown, and Fred Thomas. Tom Crigler was snowed in at Macon, Mississippi, so he was represented by Roland Hopkins, secretary of the Confederate Stamp Alliance. Also present were David Lidman and his wife.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Samuel W. Stevenson, head of the English Department, University of Richmond.

The exhibition was as fine as this writer has ever seen in a show on such a small scale as 118 frames. The winners were announced at the banquet, and were as follows:

Confederate States, *John T. Dalcher,* provisionals, gold; *Capt. T. S. Dukeshire,* off cover and patriotics, silver. U. S. 19th Century, no first; *Gordon Sprague,* U. S. Cardboard Proofs, silver. U. S. 20th Century, *Bernard Silverberg,* one-cent Green 1917, gold; *David C. Stump,* perfins, silver. Central & South America, no first; *Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dyer,* Dominican Republic, silver. Britain, *George L. Lee,* Canada inverts, doubles, etc., gold; *Bart H. Bartlett, Canada* Victorian, silver; Europe-Asia-Africa, *John L. Briggs, Jr.,* Hungary on Cover, gold; *Milton M. Meyer,* Imperial China, silver. Airmails, *Mrs. Richard F. Carroll,* helicopters, gold; *J. G. Johnson,* Navy Flight Covers, silver; Topicals, *L. L. Hopkins,* Gandon designs, gold; *Robert T. Ott,* Nato stamps on cover, silver.

The best in the show went to *John Howard,* and there were several awards as follows: *L. W. Gibson,* Seaboard Airline Railroad Award; *Mrs. Doris Apperson,* A.T.A. Award; *William H. Wallace,* Apfelbaum Award; and *P. W. Lampertine,* Thalheimer's Award.

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Correction

An incorrect buying price was given for the U. S. #733, 3c Byrd in Lee Gilbert's March 26th advertisement on page 467. The price should have been $2.25.

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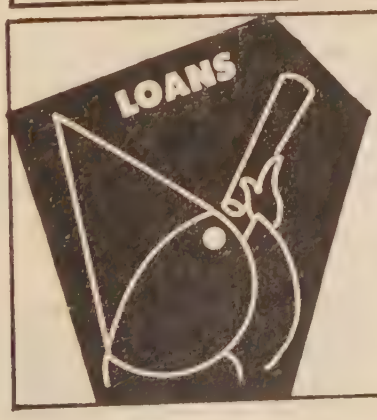

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Apr. 5—The Valley Stream Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the William L. Buck School, Horton Ave., Valley Stream, N. Y.

Apr. 5—Judaica Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Jewish Center of West Orange, 300 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, N. J. *Chester Callen* will lead the discussion.

Apr. 5—The France and Colonies Group meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City. Winners at Interpex will speak on the highlights of their collections.

Apr. 8—The Minneapolis Chapter of the A.T.A. meeting at 7:30 P.M., at the Y.W.C.A., Room 510, 12th and Nicollet, Minneapolis, Minn. *Lawrence N. De Mars* will give an illustrated talk on "The Topical Stamps of France." Also on the program will be a color film, "The Mayflower Story." Visitors welcome.

Apr. 8—Garfield-Perry Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, O. *Edward A. Brittenham* will discuss his collection of Australian states.

Apr. 8—California Collectors Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Broadmore

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ACCORDING to reports we have received the two illustrated precancels have recently brought fancy prices that in our estimation are entirely out of line with their worth.

Let's first consider the B & B (stands for Brown & Bigelow) Playing Card coil, Scott's RF26 or in the *Gunesch-Coda Standard Precancel Catalog,* Style No. A PL29. It is priced at 25c in the G-C 1960 Bureau catalog.

We quote from an excellent aritcle by *George W. Brett,* entitled "Playing Card Coils Dry-Printed and Precancelled", which appeared in the March issue of the Bureau Specialist.

"In recent months a 'B & B' precancel on Scott's RF26 has been found to be quite scarce (the record is about five copies known at the moment). Now with the switch to the small stamp the chance for re-orders is possible if B & B are still making playing cards—and it raises the interesting question to the writer: will the collectors and the catalogs takes note of the fact that any re-orders will be dry-printed and a different variety from the previous quite scarce wet-printed items? Or will they consider them as one and the same, as is the present situation in practically all other instances of the same coming both wet- and dry-printed?"

If this Playing Card coil is reprinted, it would automatically make it a common stamp, as Bureau precancel collectors do not care whether this B & B coil is wet or dry printed. All they want is one for their collections, wet or dry printed; in other words, one of each kind of printing is not required in Bureau precancel collecting.

The collector must take into consideration that there may be a lot of a particular deck of cards in existence. We do not know what the minimum requirement for the printing of the Playing Card coils is; it may be the same as for other Bureau precancelled coils, which is 250,000.

Another reason why more of these apparently scarce playing card coils have not been located is that collectors do not know what to look for or where. Let me give you a recent experience of my own as an example of what I mean.

The other day I passed a novelty store where I spotted in the window some decks of playing cards bearing the B & B precancel. At the moment I could not recall whether the scarce coil was the large or small size, so I bought a deck and when I got back to the office, checked the catalog, and found that what was needed was the small-size "PACK" B & B coil.

Now, just what did I buy? It was the NEW STAG PARTY PACK, costing us $1.00, plastic-coated, listing on the cardboard box as the distributor the Crown Distributing, Inc., St. Louis 1, Mo. These are regular playing cards, with fancy pictures of girls, but the stamps were not the scarce precancels. But, it is reasonable to assume that since the large B & B pack coils were used on these decks of cards, the small type coils could also be found if you had time to hunt for them. How many collectors would be likely to look for these cards in order to seek out the scarce playing card coils? It was just chance that drew these others to my attention, and now perhaps I might keep my eyes open for the scarce ones on similar merchandise. Perhaps you will too now that I have tipped you off.

The second stamp in question is the 1½c Presidential coil from Waco, Texas, G-C catalog No. H97, priced at $1.00. Some fantastic stories have been told about this particular coil, yet it seems to come up very frequently in auctions in at least one single or some pairs.

We have read in the *Ve-Sammler,* official organ of the Precancel Stamp Society of Germany, that one of their members found one of these Waco, Texas, coils, and that he has an arrangement with a stamp dealer whereby he will be paid 5 pfenning per stamp, regardless of whether it is a Chicago or New York City, or a small town. That price is equivalent to 1½c per stamp. Since this copy has been found as far away as Germany, there ought to be some still to be found in the U. S. A.

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Apr. 10—The New England Precancel and Stamp Club meeting at the Y.M.C.A., 170 Beach St., Holyoke, Mass. The Holyoke Stamp Club will have an exhibit of stamps and covers from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Apr. 14—Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo meeting at 8:30 P.M., in the French Room of the Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, O. Visitors welcome.

Apr. 15—Webster Groves Stamp Club meeting at 7:30 P.M., at the Reliable Life Insurance Bldg., 231 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves, Mo. Auction.

Apr. 15-16—The Lansdowne Stamp Club will hold its annual exhibition at the Friends' School, 110 N. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, Pa. Hours are Friday—10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.; Saturday—10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Visitors invited. Admission free.

Apr. 18—Flatbush Philatelic Club meeting at 8:30 P.M., at the Unitarian Church, Beverly Rd. and E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Six members will speak on one page of their collections. Visitors welcome.

Apr. 20—Midway Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at 5718 Archer Ave., Chicago 38, Ill. Auction.

Apr. 20—Bell Telephone Stamp Club of Philadelphia meeting at 7:30 P.M., at the Pioneer Lounge, Room 518, 121 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. *President Nattress* will lecture on "Airmail Stamps of the World."

Apr. 23-24—Lake County Stamp Club of Painesville, Ohio, will hold its second annual exhibit and bourse at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 98 S. Park Place, Painesville, O. Hours are Saturday—1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.; Sunday—1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. A one-hundred lot auction will be held on Sunday, at 3:00 P.M.

Apr. 23-24—The Peninsular State Philatelic Society, Inc., will hold its annual convention at Bay City, Michigan, with convention headquarters at the Hotel Wenonah. The Essex Philatelic Society, host club for the convention, will have an exhibit of stamps and coins during these two days. For details of the exhibit write to *Robert Cierzmiowski, 225 N. Sheridan, Bay City, Mich.*

Apr. 23-24—The Chillicothe Philatelic Society will hold its 11th annual stamp exhibition in the Central School multipurpose room, Chillicothe, O. Included in the event will be a 50-frame exhibit and a 12-page collection of Francis Cardinal Spellman. Cachets, featuring the 140th anniversary of the revision of Ohio postal routes by Congress, will be available at the cost of 10c each. Requests for cachets should be sent to *Robert D. West, P. O. Box 366, Chillicothe, O.*

Apr. 25—The Johnstown Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Community Rooms, Cambria Savings and Loan Bldg., 225 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa. *Clem J. Held* will conduct program on "Polish Underground Locals."

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Miscellaneous Club News

The Ghana-Togo African Philatelic Society has just issued its first membership directory, with an impressive number of members for its short period of existence. Readers interested in knowing more about the Society, may write to *Joseph Martin*, 1140 *St. Johns Place, Brooklyn* 13, *N. Y.*

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AUSTRIA—*Joachim Dill*, West Germany, reports that on April 7, 1960, a set of stamps with a face value of 3 schillings will be issued in honor of World Refugee Year. The blue-green stamps, designed by Adalbert Pilch and engraved by Rudolf Toth, will bear the U. N. World Refugee Year symbol, and the legend "Weltfluechtlingsjahr 1959-60/ Republik Oesterreich." There will be an edition of three million.

BRAZIL—We are indebted to *General Arnaldo Franca*, Rio de Janeiro, for a first day cover of the green, Cr. $6.50 commemorative honoring Ano Zamenhof, issued March 10, 1960. The stamp, designed by Cezare Gandini and engraved by Gildasio de Souza Ferreira, was printed by rotogravure on paper watermarked "Brasil-star-Correio", in sheets of fifty, in an edition of five million.

CHILE—On January 1, 1960, the currency was changed replacing the peso with the escudo, one escudo equivalent to $1.000. It seems likely that all the regular postage stamps and airmails will be reprinted with designs intact, but with a change of color and denomination. Three stamps were released. Scott's #C150 is now in blue and denominated at 1c; Scott's #C148 has been issued in the same purple color but with the new value of 3 milesimos, and Scott's #295 has been issued in red with the new value of 1c.

A twelve-value set is scheduled to be issued to mark the sesquicentenary of Chilean independence. The set will be comprised of the following values, designs, and editions: regular postage—1c, Congress of Independence, ten million; 5c, National Votive Temple, six million; 10c, portrait of Mateo de Toro Y Zambrano and Juan Martinez de Rozas, two million; 20c, Juan Egana and Manuel de Salas, one million; 50c, portrait of Manuel Rodriguez and Juan MacKenna, one million; 1 escudo, portrait of Jose Miguel Carrera, 200,000; airmails—2c, Congress of Independence, five million; 5c, National Votive Temple; 10c, Portrait of Jose Gregorio Argomedo and Gaspar Marin, three million; 20c, portrait of

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Venezuelan first day cover from Dr. M. Dao h., Caracas, with the stamps issued Feb. 17, 1960, depicting the main post office in Caracas.

Jose Agustin Eyzaguirre and Jose Miguel Infante, one million; 50c, portraits of Bishop Cienfuegos and Camilo Henriquez; 1 escudo, portrait of Bernardo O'Higgins, 300,000.

In connection with this event, two stamps bearing the Chilean Coat-of-Arms will be released in the values of 1c for regular postage and 10c for airmail.

Scott's #C187 was reprinted on different paper in offset.

—*Jose Galetovic, Santiago*

CHINA (FORMOSA)—On March 20, 1960, the 64th anniversary of the Chinese Postal Service, two stamps were released to honor the Prompt Delivery Service initiated in August 1956, and the Postal Launch Services, begun in 1959 to carry mail between islets along eastern Taiwan and between the Pescadores in the Taiwan Straits. The NT$1.40 stamp bears the designs of fast postal delivery by motorcycle; the NT$1.60 stamp depicts a launch carrying mail. The set was printed by the itaglio process.

On April 7, 1960, a set of two stamps, in the values of NT$0.40 and NT$3.00, will be issued in honor of World Refugee Year. The stamps, bearing the design of the U.N. World Refugee Year symbol, were printed by photogravure.

—*Directorate General of Posts, Taiwan*

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Our thanks to *Artia* for a first day cover and copies of the two-value Winter Olympic Games set issued February 27, 1960, reported in our March 26th issue. Both stamps were designed by Mario Stretti. Ladislav Jirka engraved the 60h. value and Jindra Schmidt, the 1.80 Kcs. value. The set was printed by the Post Printing Office, Prague, by rotary recess print combined with photogravure, in sheets of twenty-five.

DAHOMEY—A 25 Fr. definitive was issued on March 1, 1960, as reported in our March 5th issue. The red-brown, red and blue stamp, depicting a view of Ganvie Village, was engraved by Cottet and steel-plate engraved in Paris. Soon to be released are two airmails, in the values of 100 Fr. and 500 Fr., depicting the Somba House and Royal Court of Abomey, respectively.

—*Republic of Dahomey Philatelic Agency, New York*

FINLAND—A two-value set will be issued on April 7, 1960, in honor of World Refugee Year. The 30 mk. and 40 mk. stamps will depict a woman refugee with a baby in her arms, and the U. N. World Refugee Year symbol. Designed by Pentti Rahikainen and engraved by Birger Ekholm, the set will have an edition of two million.

—*General Direction of Post and Telegraphs*

FRANCE—A 0.20 + 0.05 Fr. stamp was issued March 12, 1960, Stamp Day, as forecast in our January 2nd issue. The dark blue, blue, and blue-green stamp was designed and engraved in taille-douce by Serres, and printed in sheets of fifty. The proceeds of the surtax will go to the Red Cross. —*Ministry of P.T.T.*

GERMANY—*Joachim Dill* reports that the edition of Beethoven miniature sheets, first issued on September 8, 1959, reported in our September 12, 1959 issue, was sold out on February 29, 1960. A total of 4,771,000 sheets were printed.

GHANA—Our thanks to *Dr. and Mrs. E. Forster,* Accra, for first day covers of the four-value set issued March 6, 1960, as forecast in our February 20th issue, in honor of the country's third anniversary of independence. The values are ½d., 3d., 1/3, and 2/-.

GREECE—*Pierson Ostrow* reports that the following Scott Nos. were withdrawn from circulation after being sold in the quantities listed: #618, 6,926,438; #619, 5,226,183; #620, 502,646; #621, 4,107,-

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Mr. Ostrow also reports the following etrrors: The 1944 5000 Dr. on the 75 Dr. Postal Tax stamp with double overprint inverted; the 1945 40 Dr. "Victory over Italy" commemorative with a clear double print of the entire design; the 1943, 10 Dr. "East Wind" airmail exists in a distinct salmon shade as opposed to the normally listed rose red stamp.

HUNGARY—Our thanks to *Philatelia Hungarica* for copies and a first day cover of the two-value set issued March 8, 1960, in honor of Women's Day. The values, designs, and colors are the following: 60f., portrait of Kato Haman, lilac and white; 60f., portrait of Klara Zetkin, brown and white. The Haman stamp was copper printed; the Zetkin commemorative was photogravured. Printed in sheets of twenty-five, there was an edition of 950,000 perforated stamps and 15,000 imperforated stamps.

ITALY—*Pierson Ostrow* reports the finding of a new denomination of revenue stamps widely used as postage stamps in Lombardy-Venetia during the 1850's. It is a 1.50 L., green and black, stamp, cancelled at Coccaglio.

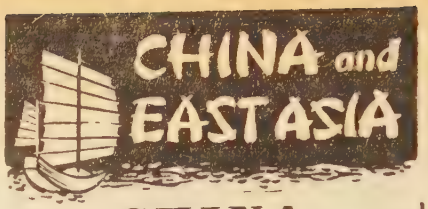
JAPAN—Our thanks to the following for first day covers and copies of the 10 yen stamp issued March 10, 1960, as reported in our March 12th issue, commemorating the 125th anniversary of transferring the capital to Nara: *Kanai Stamp Co. Ltd., Kenzi Miwa, S. Miyake, Meiso Mizuhara, Kenji Nakatani, William J. Ross, H. Tsuge,* and *Riichi Yoshida.*

JAPAN—Our thanks to the following for copies and first day covers of the 10 yen Matsushima stamp issued March 15, 1960, as forecast in our February 6th issue: *Kanai Stamp Co., Ltd., Kenzi Miwa, S. Miyake, Meiso Mizuhara, Kenji Nakatani,* and *William J. Ross.* The green and dark red stamp was designed by Masaru Kimura, and printed by the Sammeldoruck process on white, unwatermarked paper by the Printing Bureau of the Ministry of Finance, in an edition of eight million.

MAYALA—A two-value set to commemorate World Refugee Year has been ordered from Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd. The 12c (purple) and 30c (green) stamps will be printed by the recess process on C. A. (Block Capitals) watermarked paper. The design will contain the U. N. World Refugee Year symbol.

—*Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin*

MEXICO—Our thanks to *Roberto E. Yesati, Yacotecas,* for a first day cover of the 50 cts. value of the airmail set commemorating the 50th anniversary of Mexican Aviation, issued March 16, 1960, reported in our January 30th issue. The cover contains a block of four stamps, three of which have blurred letters on the top legend which reads "50 Aniversario de la Aviacion Nacional 1910-1960."



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PHILIPPINES—A two-value set in honor of World Refugee Year will be issued on April 7, 1960. The 6c value will have an edition of five-million, the 25c denomination will have an edition of three million. The four-color stamps, with a photographic reproduction of the painting, "Sunset at Manila Bay" by Ben Alano, as the central motif, will also bear the U. N. World Refugee Year symbol. The set will be printed in sheets of fifty.

—*Bureau of Posts*

POLAND—Our thanks to *Ars Polona* for additional information on the new Polish Costumes set to be issued in the first half of April 1960, as reported in our March 26th issue. In addition to the values of 40 gr., 3.10 Zl., 3.40 Zl., and 6.50 Zl., there will also be a pair of stamps, with a value of 2 Zl each, showing the costumes of Lowicz, to be printed in an edition of 1,200,000 perforated sets and 300,000 imperforated sets. The set, designed by Czeslaw Kaczmarczyk, will be printed by steelplate engraving and rotogravure.

RYUKYU ISLANDS—Our thanks to the *Department of the Army*, Washington, D. C., for advising us that on May 22, 1960, a 3c, blue, red, black and green stamp will be issued to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the University of the Ryukyus. The stamps, bearing the University Badge, will be printed in sheets of twenty, in an edition of 800,000.

SURINAM—A two-value set for World Refugee Year will be issued on April 7, 1960. The values of the stamps, printed

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SWITZERLAND—The four-value 1960 Publicity Stamps, to be issued April 7, 1960, as reported in our March 19th issue, will be valid for postage until December 31, 1960.
—*General Directorate of P.T.T. Philatelic Agency*

TOGO—The *Togo Philatelic Agency,* New York, advises us that the seven-value Olympic Game set reported in our March 12th issue, was released on February 27, 1960.

The Agency also reports that because of technical difficulties, the World Refugee Year series will be comprised of only two values to be issued on April 7, 1960. The denominations are 25 + 5 Fr. and 45 + 5 Fr.

TURKEY—We are indebted to *A. Sirinyan,* Istanbul, for the 1960 Turkish stamp program as follows: April 17th, Manisa fete, four stamps; Cyprus Independence, two-value set; May 1960, Fete of Flowers, two stamps; August 25th, Roman Olympics, five-value set in an edition of one million, one block sheet in an edition of 100,000; September 23rd, Recensement set, four stamps; October 19th, PTT Conference of Europe, two stamps; October 21st, Turkish Journalist Day, two stamps; October 24th, 15th anniversary of the U. N., two stamps; November 15th, seventh part of the Cities set, twenty-six stamps.

VENEZUELA—We are indebted to *Dr. M. Dao h.,* Caracas, for a first day cover of three airmail stamps issued February 17, 1960, depicting the main post office in Caracas. The values are 25c (yellow), 30c (blue), and 40c (red).

VIET NAM (NORTH-COMMUNIST—A two-value set was released January 6, 1960, in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Vietnam Workers' Party. The set consists of the following values, colors and editions: 2 xu, red, black-brown, sienna, green 800,000; 12 xu, red, black-brown, sienna, blue, one million. The perforated stamps, designed by Trinh quoc Thu and Nguyen the Vinh, depict a sailboat with the red flag of the party as a sail. The stamp was printed by offset by the Tien bo State Printing Works, in sheets of one hundred, on ungummed paper.
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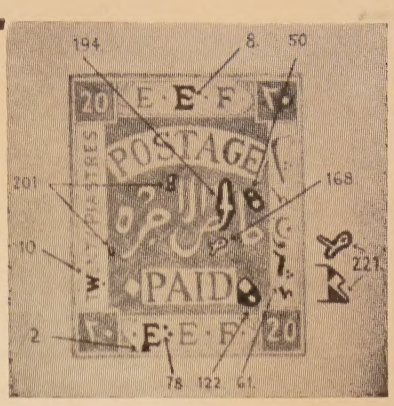

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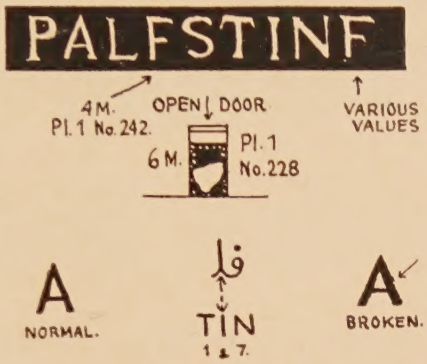

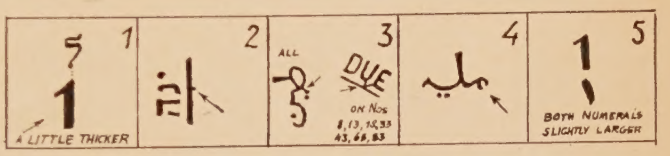

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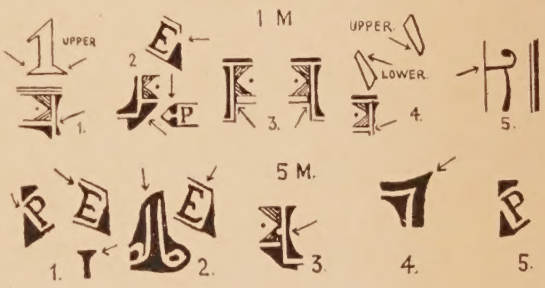

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